

Co-operatives Victoria

Minute of Board Meeting held at RACV Club on 08 May, 2012

Present: Tony O'Shea (Chairman), David Dinning (Treasurer), Niel Black, Shirley Faram, Linda Seaborn, Bill Bodham and David Griffiths

Apology: Dianne Batterham

The Chairman welcomed Bill Bodham (Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co Ltd) to the meeting

Minutes of previous meeting

That the minutes of the previous meeting of 16 February 2012 be approved as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

Director Recruitment

That Bill Bodham be appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the board. CARRIED

Co-operatives National Law

It was noted that CNL was introduced into the NSW Parliament on 4 April 2012 and it was expected to be introduced into the Victorian Parliament later this year.

Mervyn Wilson Report

There was extensive discussion of the report by Mervyn Wilson subsequent to his visit to Australia. It was noted that the visit had been very valuable and that all costs had been substantially covered – a total cost of \$6457 with invoices issued for \$7000.

It was agreed that follow-up was essential to take advantage of Mervyn's visit – in particular with CAV, Genetics Australia, RMIT and the AICD.

Financial Reports

The Treasurer tabled the following:

Profit/Loss 1 July 2011 – 05 May 2012

Balance Sheet 05 May 2012

That the financial reports be accepted. CARRIED

Futures Workshop

The notes of the Workshop were tabled.

IYC National Steering Committee

In response to the CV letter, it was noted that there was no invitation for CV involvement in discussions on a new peak body.

It was agreed that the establishment of any national peak body needed the effective representation and involvement of small co-operatives.

It was agreed that Tony O'Shea would attend the National Co-operative Conference, 24 – 25 October 2012, Port Macquarie, NSW.

Minister Walsh

The report was noted and satisfaction expressed that after the meeting with CV the Minister's news release on 1 May 2012 had confirmed support for food and fibre producers to form co-operatives with funding of \$5 million.

CA

It was noted that there would be a CA conference call on 16 May 2012 to discuss the next Top 100 list and a national peak body and that Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths would be participating.